

**GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
FIFTH MEETING SUMMARY
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SUMMARY

Oral Presentation by C.H. Fenstermaker and Associates, Inc.

Commissioner Gautreaux, Office of the Governor, introduced Mr. Brad Hamilton, Executive Vice President for C.H. Fenstermaker and Associates, Inc. (Fenstermaker), to introduce his staff and what has been done to date.

Mr. Raymond Reaux, Project Manager, brought everyone up to date on the status of the contract procedure and stated that they have received verbal permission to begin.

Mr. Hamilton then introduced Mr. Bruce Darling, hydrogeologist with LBG-Guyton of Austin, and Mr. Brent Sonnier with Onebane law firm.

Questions from the Commission

Commissioner Namwamba inquired about Fenstermaker's strategy on addressing groundwater quality. Mr. Darling stated that the data that is already published is very extensive and will take some time to evaluate.

Questions from the Public

Mr. Morris Sade, Miraj Envirotek, wanted to know if they were going to develop any models. Mr. Darling stated that they would work with existing models because there was not enough time or money.

Revised Emergency Rules

Mr. Duplechin, Chief of Staff, reviewed the changes to the emergency rules discussed at the last Commission meeting.

Commission Vote on Emergency Rules

Commissioner Gautreaux called for a vote and the rules passed unanimously.

Drought Condition Well Discussion

Mr. Duplechin read into the record the definition for drought wells that is to be added to the list of wells that are exempt from 60-day notification.

Commission Vote on Drought Condition Wells

Commissioner Gautreaux called for a vote and the definition passed unanimously.

New Business

The industrial committee recommends that the Ground Water Management Commission take a position in opposition of parishes implementing their own management policies.

Commissioner Gautreaux recommended that the Commission request a legal analysis. After a short discussion the motion was approved to perform a legal analysis.

Staff Report

Mr. Duplechin stated that the Ground Water Management Staff (Staff) developed a news article for the Outreach Committee to make their comments.

The Staff has received 155 water well information sheets, 39 of which were received in November. The Staff is investigating the possibility of getting a database on the Natural Resources Strategic Online Natural Resources Information System (SONRIS) and investigating an online registration form.

The Staff updated the website with all the current transcripts, meeting agendas, and draft emergency rules. Two just cause decisions were issued to the New Orleans Sewage and Water Boards.

Advisory Task Force Committee Reports

Mr. Mike Lyons, Industrial Committee, their recommendation to stand in opposition to the parishes individually implementing their own water management programs has been acted upon. In addition, the industrial committee is developing a questionnaire that will assist in collecting data on future surface and groundwater needs.

Mr. Charles Demas, Technical Committee, stated that the committee would meet with Fenstermaker on December 17, 2001 to give them all the available information from committee members.

Commission Comments

Commissioner Durrett announced that the Sparta Commission would present its groundwater model on December 14, 2001 in Rustin.

Commissioner Cefalu wanted to know if anyone was collecting the same data from public utilities like the Industrial Committee was doing for Industry. Commissioner Gautreaux said that the state depends a lot on the USGS for that information. Mr. Charles Demas, USGS, stated that information is collected on a quarterly basis on all water users.

Set next meeting time. January 14, 2002 at 1330.